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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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Too Little And Too Late

It is said that among the best speeches in the flag debate were those delivered on its deathbed by Mr. Diefenbaker last Thursday, and by Prime Minister Pearson on Friday.

That may be so. But for the present at least the public is in no mood to appreciate them. The whole debate was a colossal flop from the standpoint of discussion for elucidating truth.

From the start, it was a partisan wrangle. Mr. Pearson made it so when he told a few reporters at a confidential briefing, back in May last, that new flag legislation would be introduced shortly and that the government would stand or fall by the issue.

Later, under pressure, the Prime Minister agreed to have a free vote on the subject; but the harm had been done. The partisan alignment had already taken place.

It has been a sorry show on both sides, and the best that can be hoped for is that it will be forgotten in the press of other business of more urgent public concern.

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Often can't the security council become impotent.

The veto power does not exist in the assembly, but its increasing size has made it unwieldy, and the growing number of tiny, new and impoverished nations has made it more irresponsible.

U.S. Secretary of State Rusk, echoing past protests of British leaders, early this year voiced concern over the structure that permits a bloc of minor nations to commit the UN to a course of action which, if it is to be carried out, must be directed and paid for by the major powers.

In any case, how will it be brought about? The small new nations are conscious of their power and will not give it up willingly.

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Previous tests in the Sahara desert drew so much opposition from African nations that President de Gaulle decided to pick a more remote, less controversial site.

Mururoa is a tiny atoll lying about 750 miles southeast of Tahiti, in French Polynesia. It is about 3,150 miles from New Zealand.

In New Zealand, a committee for nonviolent action against French nuclear tests has organized to sail boats into the testing area.

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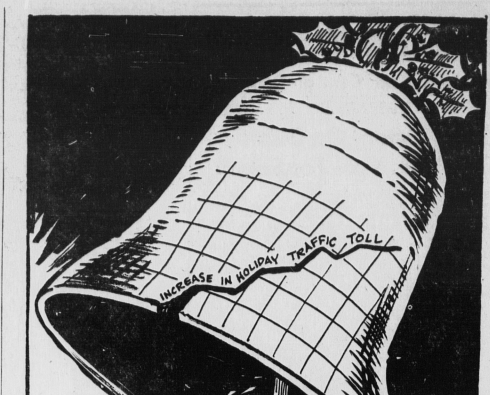
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THE CRACK IN THE BELL

OTTAWA REPORT BY Patrick Nicholson

Here And There About The Capital

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Letters From The Readers

Mr. Pearson's round-robin letter to his ministers telling them to be good and honest must have made them feel as if they were schoolboys.

When they have blushed again when he allowed this letter of Pearson commandments to be revealed by a spokesman in his office, the final humiliations must be done at Waterloo Lutheran University where he said the exceptions to high political standards must be waived; otherwise, politicians would be left open to public association.

Why must Mr. Pearson feel it necessary to spell out to the public the standards of his ministers? These ministers, he remembered, are the men he left in charge of the public affairs standards of public life when he went West to speak for his party after the opening of his charges had been made in the House.

Red China Assails Japan

Japan to attend a meeting of the Japanese Communist party congress. The Japanese weren't interested in allowing outside help to an organization busy trying to subvert its government.

Then China became angry because Japan allowed American military aid to the Japanese. North Korea said that this was in sharp contrast with in-hospitality to the Chinese.

Trade War In Britain

A new trade war is coming in Britain over trading stamps. And the main reason the new battle is the man who did away with trading stamps, who had the trading stamps in Britain, Canada, and West-Midland.

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Advertisement for 'The Woodman's Best Friend' featuring a picture of a dog and text about a chain saw.

Advertisement for 'PATTERSON'S' watches featuring a picture of a watch and text about 'The Woodman's Best Friend'.

Advertisement for 'BURMA PROPRANE GAS' featuring a picture of a gas cylinder and text about 'ARNFAT PROPANE LTD.'.

Advertisement for 'BARS CLEANER' featuring a picture of a cleaning product and text about 'No Smoke, No Odour'.

Advertisement for 'Christmas Seal Sale Benefits' featuring a picture of a seal and text about 'The following groups were x-rayed:'.